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upon his reflections.

"Mr. Jones," said that functionary.
"I want a two-thirds-of-a-column story on how the streets look on Christmas eve night. See what you can make out of the appearance of the store windows, the crowds around the hotels, the throng of pedestrians and shoppers, the tin horn and firecracker racket, and all that sort of thing. edi ti in before one o'clock and try and make it picturesque."

The reporter was still in a brown study over the remarkable phenomenon of his sporting story finishing itself of its own volition and the city editor's speech failed to reach him comprehensively.

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"Beg pardon, sir; speaking to me?" he asked, wheeling his chair and facing a stern-visaged man who had adsessed him. Whereupon the local edirepeated himself, with what seemed Jones unnecessary emphasis and example of the seemed Jones of the seemed Jones of the seemed Jones had been seemed to see the seemed Jones of the Jones of the seemed Jones of the seemed Jones of the Jo

the compliments of the season: but it appears to me that you are unduly familiar. From the way you have burrowed into that Klondike I judge that, with all your flippantry, you are not so "Fudge," retorted the other, impatiently. "Fudge and fiddlesticks. I'm scrious."

"We'll change the subject, if it's all the some to you," said Jones, dryly.

"What have you got to offer as a substitute?"

"Well, as you have the advantage of ine, you might tell me your name," suggested the reporter."

the master of the reindeer danced glee-tuilly from the roof into the chimney, it lily from the roof into the chimney, leaving the reporter to reflect upon and record what he had seen and heard.

Two minutes more and the sleigh with its occupants was again whizing with

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"Of course I might," argued the old

will as you have the advantage of Creek-footed Reindeer, With One Mr. Kris Kringle and What Came of It.

Obeleviful Josea, the reporter, we sho have so no staurday. On that day, it is shown to get in his as obeleying white week, but never so busy as on Staurday. On that day, it is shown to get in his as obeleying that work offer the task of tackling that work of the task of tackling that work offer the task of tackling that work of the task of tackling that work of the task of tackling that work offer the task of task offer the task of task offer the task of t

me."
"Are you out on business tonight?"
asked Obejoyful.
"Turn your head and look at the cargo I've got aboard. Do you think I'd
carry a load like that around if I were
not?"

the deer on the next roof. "You're and incomprehensible old fellow," remarks and the incomprehensible old fellow, and the in

shook an inch of snow from it.

"It is remarkable weather to say the least," answered Obejoyful. "I saw anly a sign of snow half an hour ago and yet from the appearance of the roof I judge that it must have been snowing hard for several hours."

'Not a bit of it," said Mr. Kringle. "It only looks that way to you, because you're in my company. While you are with me, Mr. Jones, you are privileged to see many things as I see them. For me to travel over my circuit without a foot of snow on the roofs and more falling would be a sorry breach of etiquette on my part and contrary to all Yuletide traditions. So whether you have snow in the streets or not on Christmas Evenight is a matter of little moment to me."

"Are you out on business tonight?" by the Markington and the avenue looking just as it usually appeared on Saturday nights. The passing crowds however, seemed more numerous than usual. The sidewalks were alive with a traditions. So whether you have snow in the streets or not on Christmas Evenight is a matter of little moment to me."

marvelling greatly, pulled out his watch. The hands indicated the hour of 12.

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the girls. The idol of Obejoyful's soul, catching sight of him, gave a little shriek of surprise, looked upon him in disgust and passed him by without a word, followed by her friends. This was the last straw. "See here, old fellow," said Oebjoyful, somewhat roughly, 'this will never do; don't you know you can't stay here." "So ho! then you're ashamed of my company, are you? I thought so," said the old man, reproachfully. "Not at all, my dear sir; you are mistaken: Indeed you are," stammered the confused reporter. "But you must see that you are making us both ridicu-

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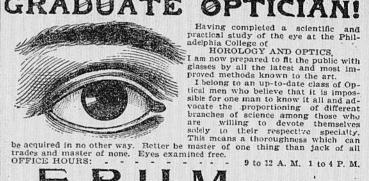
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